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TWO MILITARY SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED;
HOUSING PRICES REVISED

NEW MILITARY SCHOOLS OPENED -- Rude Pravo, No 54, 5 Mar 49

The Ministry of National Defense is establishing two four-class military schools called "Jan Zizka of Trocnov" in the 1949-50 school year at Moravska Trebova, and at Spisaska Nova Ves in Slovakia. Recruitment for these schools, now being conducted by the Ministry of National Defense, will continue until 15 May.

It will be possible for sons of workers, orphans and those who participated in the fight for liberation to complete upper middle school. These schools will also assure the military academies of a constant supply of persons who can form expert, politically mature, and physically sound cadres for the officer corps.

Both schools, in which military and civilian professors will teach, are established for the country as a whole; Czechs and Slovaks will be trained together.

Four successive classes with three age groups each will be established at the school at Moravska Trebova; four classes with one age group each will be established at the school at Spisaska Nova Ves. The same number of students will be received in each class. Boys 15 years old and younger who have finished the fourth grade of middle school will be taken into the first age group. Graduates of the fifth, sixth, and seventh classes of gymnasium and realgymnasium will be taken into the higher groups.

The pupils will be maintained by the state in military boarding schools; they will have military uniform and must obey the prescribed school and boarding school regulations. After successful completion of the "Jan Zizka of Trocnov" military schools, they will be enrolled in the military academy or the military aviation academy if they fulfill the requirements for admission. In the near future, Section I of the Ministry of National Defense will send out requirements for acceptance to all schools.

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RESTRICTED**SLOVAK POPULATION STATISTICS -- Pravda, No 50, 1 Mar 49**

At the end of 1948, the population of Czechoslovakia was 12,407,196; the population of Slovakia, 3,470,619.

There were 34,857 marriages in Slovakia in 1948. A total of 91,786 children were born, 90,121 alive and 1,665 stillborn; 85,799 births were legitimate (including 43,495 boys, 40,800 girls, and 1,506 stillbirths). There were 5,987 illegitimate births, including 159 stillbirths.

There were 40,307 deaths (19,680 women). In all, 9,844 children under one year of age died in 1948. In addition to 115 children under one year of age who died of tuberculosis, 141 under 14, 142 under 18, and 2,822 persons over 18 years died of the disease.

HOUSING PRICES REORGANIZED -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

Hitherto, prices for housing in the border areas have been very low, and a worker has paid the same price as the operator of an enterprise. This is equality but not equity. Accordingly, the government has decided that the prices assigned previously shall be paid only by blue-and white-collar workers, and all others shall pay amounts 50 to 100 percent higher. At the same time, the practice of requiring binding deposits in the purchase of housing will be abolished.

MORE COINS FROM STATE MINT -- Svobodne Slovo, No 41, 18 Feb 49

The state mint in Kremnica is one of the most important state enterprises in Slovakia. Although the plant has been in existence for 600 years, its staff remained virtually the same size until 1945, varying from 88 to 240 employees. At present, 600 persons are employed there. Almost 149 million coins were minted there in 1948, the greatest achievement in the mint's history. A production increase of 95 percent has been ordered for 1949.

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